

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Page 1, line 1, ~~Description.~~

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-- Background of the Invention:

Field of the Invention: --.

Page 1, lines 6-9:

The invention relates to a method for the automatic starting and stopping of an internal combustion engine of a motor vehicle by means of a start-stop device according to the preamble of claim 1 ~~device, by means of which the internal combustion engine, having been started by a person, is switched off automatically depending on multiple stop conditions. One of the stop conditions is the release of the stop mode of an air-conditioning device depending among other things on a temperature prevailing in the interior of the motor vehicle and a further stop condition is the expiration of a defined variable time period.~~

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-- Summary of the Invention: --.

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-- Brief Description of the Drawings: --.

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-- Description of the Preferred Embodiments: --.

Page 12, line 1, ~~Claims~~ We Claim: